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SUBJECT: US MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP OF
UNESCO

REF: (A) STATE 56794; (B) NATO 1784; (C) MOSCOW 3765

1. RE POSITION TAKEN BY FRENCH REP IN NATO (PARA 1, REF A), WHILE 91 ST EXECUTIVE BOARD DID AGREE TO EXAMINE, AT 92 ND BOARD BEGINNING APRIL 25, QUESTION OF CRITERIA FOR INVITATIONS TO (AND MEMBERSHIP IN) REGIONAL GROUP MEETINGS, NO OTHER DECISIONS WERE MADE BY THE BOARD IN THIS AREA AND THE 17 TH GENERAL CONFERENCE DID NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS THIS OVERALL ISSUE. FRENCH MAY BE REFERRING TO COMPLETELY SEPARATE RESOLUTION AT THE CONFERENCE WHICH CALLED FOR MEETING OF EDUCATION MINISTERS OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN 1973. ORIGINAL DRAFT RESOLUTION IN THIS REQUEST REFERRED TO " MINISTERS FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND OTHER COUNTRIES WITH SIMILAR PROBLEMS" BUT FRENCH OBTAINED CONFERENCE APPROVAL FOR DELETION OF LAST CLAUSE. FRENCH NATO REP MAY BE CONFUSING ISSUE INVOLVED IN LATTER RESOLUTION WITH DISCUSSIONS AT 91 ST EXECUTIVE BOARD AND WITH QUESTION OF US BID FOR MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN GROUP. THEY ARE COMPLETELY SEPARATE AND UNRELATED.

2. PRINCIPAL POINT TO STRESS TO FRENCH AND OTHERS IS THAT WE SEE US DECISION TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN GROUP AS LOGICAL COROLLARY OF POSITION EXPRESSED ON MANY OCCASIONS BY OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES THAT US SHOULD MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE INTEREST AND ROLE IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. THIS PARTICIPATION WILL BE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN ERA OF GROWING EAST- WEST DETENTE AND GREATER REGIONAL COOPERATION IN EUROPE IN POST- CSCE ERA. US PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO REGIONAL GROUP ON OBSERVER BASIS, AS SUGGESTED BY FRENCH REP REF B, WOULD NOT PERMIT US TO VOTE IN GROUP DECISIONS OR TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE ON ISSUES WHICH MAY BE OF IMPORTANCE TO US. THIS HANDICAP WOULD ASSUME PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IN THE EVENT REGIONAL GROUP WERE ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES IN CSCE FOLLOW- ON AREA.

3. RESPONSES FROM ALLIED CAPITALS TO US MEMBERSHIP BID TO
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DATE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING AND HIGH SOVIET UNESCO OFFICIAL

HAS STATED (REF C) HE WILL PRESENT US PROPOSAL TO HIS
SUPERIORS " IN A FAVORABLE LIGHT."

4. FOR EMBASSY PARIS: AFTER CONSULTATION WITH US REP
UNESCO, YOU SHOULD CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE AT
APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL TO GOF AND URGE FRENCH TO
SUPPORT US BID. FYI: ALTHOUGH A NEGATIVE FRENCH VOTE
ON US MEMBERSHIP WOULD NOT BE UNANTICIPATED, WE WOULD
HOPE, AS A MINIMUM, THAT FRENCH WOULD NOT ACTIVELY OPPOSE
US BID. END FYI.

5. FOR OTTAWA: IN VIEW OF CANADIAN INTEREST IN MEMBER-
SHIP QUESTION, YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO GOC ABOVE CLARIFI-
CATION OF POINTS RAISED BY FRENCH REP AT RECENT POLADS
MEETING.

6. FOR ALL NATO CAPITALS: PLEASE REPORT SOONEST ON HOST
GOVERNMENT REACTION TO US PROPOSAL TRANSMITTED REF A.

7. ALL ADDRESSEES SHOULD INCLUDE USNATO AS INFO
ADDRESSEE FURTHER TRAFFIC ON THIS SUBJECT. ROGERS

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